Cultural Resource Management in the Department of Defense

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DoD Historic Properties

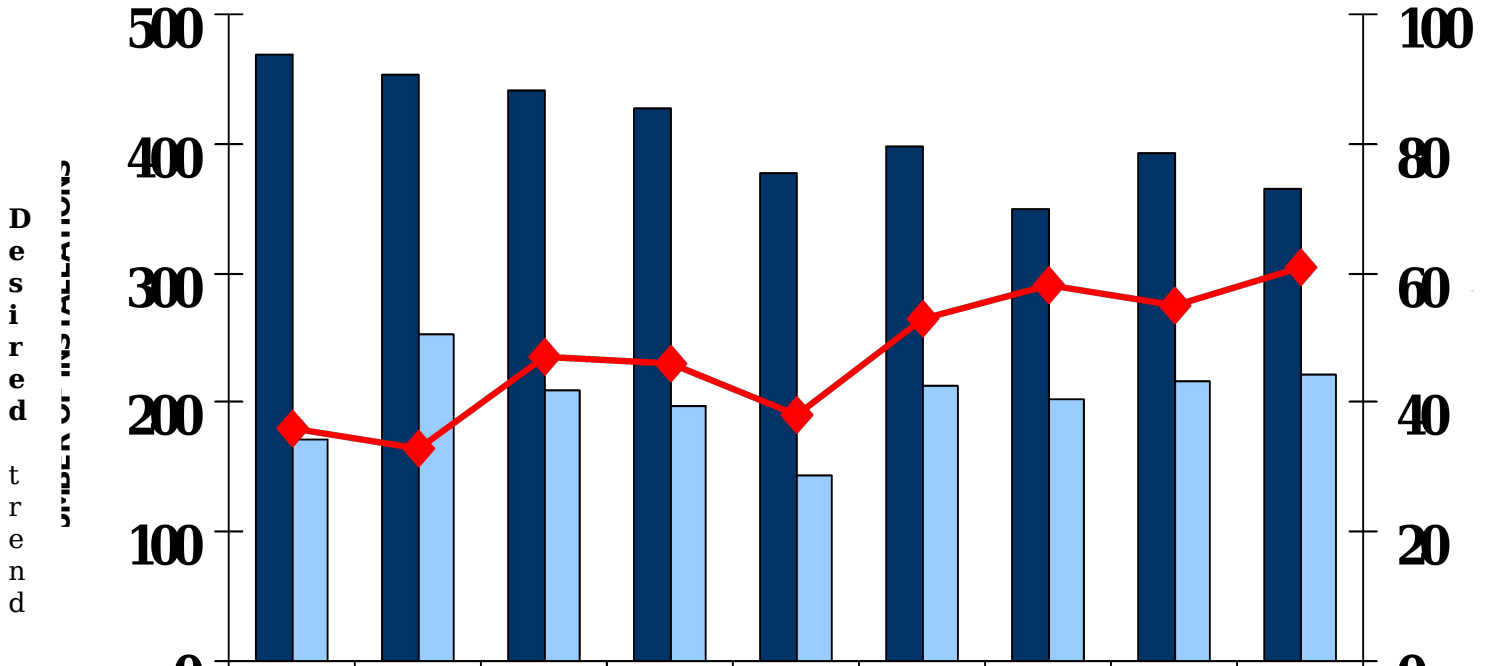
- **The DoD manages almost 30 million acres of land. Additionally, the Corps manages 11 million acres of water and related lands**

- **DoD has a large inventory of Historic Properties**
  - 78 National Historic Landmarks
  - Nearly 600 historic places listed on the National Register of Historic Places
    - More than 19,000 individual historic properties (including buildings, structures, objects, and sites)
    - Located on over 200 military installations

DoD Buildings & National Historic Preservation Act

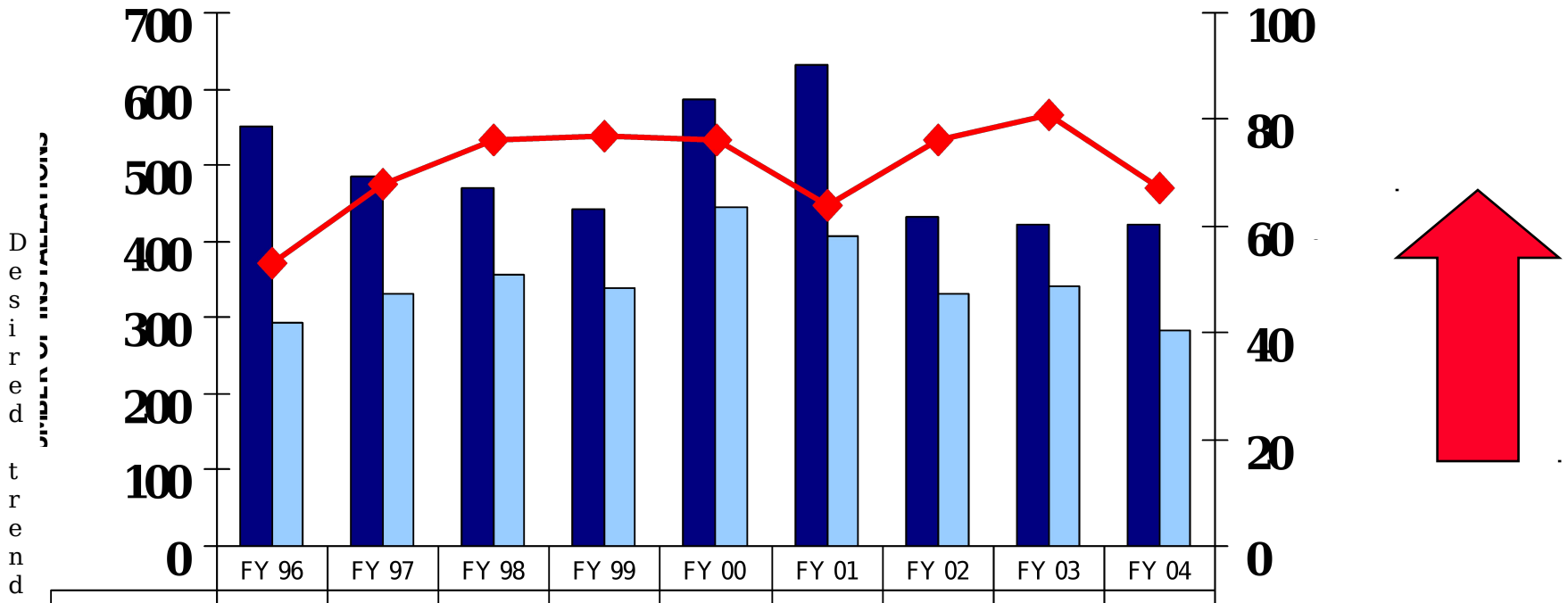
	Army	Navy (incl. Marine Corps)	Air Force	DoD Total (incl. Marine Corps and WHS)
Total DoD <u>Buildings</u>: US/ Territories (2004)	**156,043**	**91,340**	**100,534**	**347,966**
Total currently (2005) over 50 years old subject to NHPA	**93,295** **60%**	**48,960** **54%**	**52,751** **52%**	**195,009** **56%**
Additional over 50 years old in next 10 years (2006-2016)	**14,976** **(108,271 total)** **69%**	**12,492** **(61,452 total)** **67%**	**13,720** **(66,471 total)** **66%**	**41,188** **(236,197 total)** **68%**
Additional	**15,098**	**8,605**	**8,761**	**32,464**

Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans



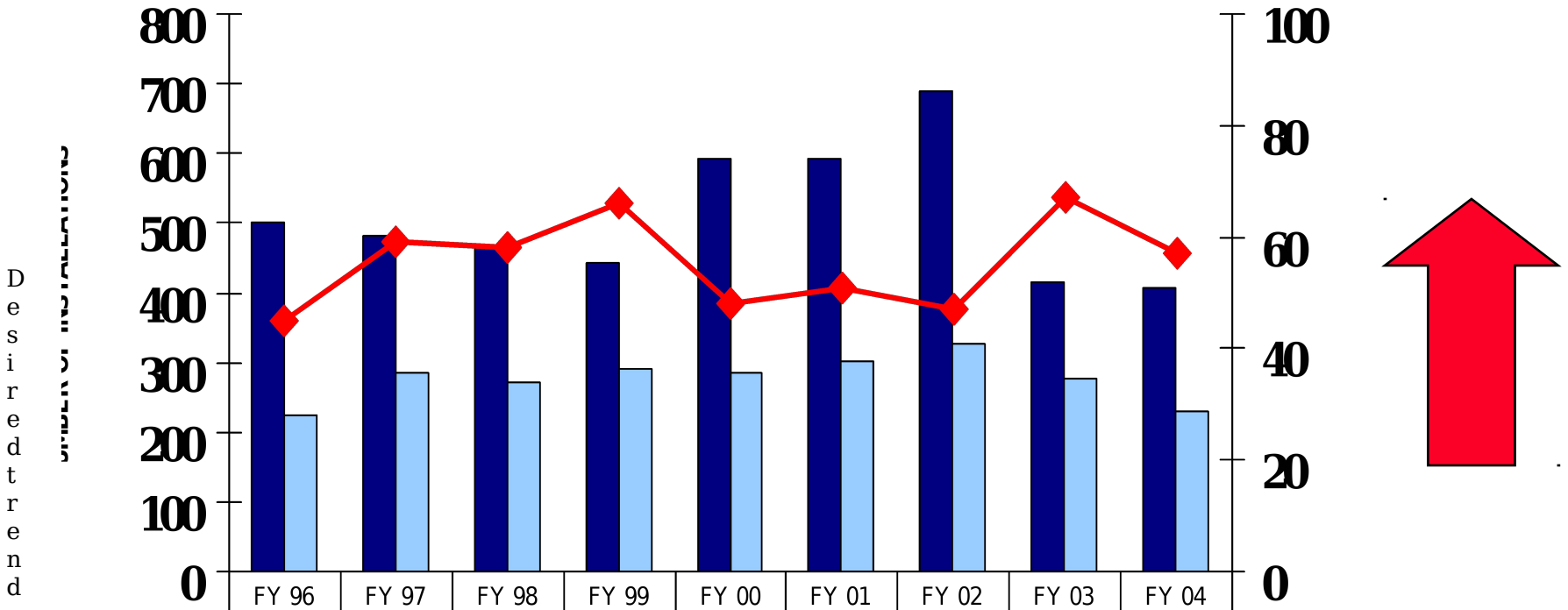
	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY03	FY04
REQUIRED	469	453	441	427	377	398	349	392	365
#COMPLETE	171	253	209	198	144	212	203	216	222
% COMPLETE	36	33	47	46	38	53	58	55	60.8

Historic Building Inventories



	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
REQUIRED	551	485	471	443	586	631	432	423	422
#COMPLETE	292	330	356	339	446	407	330	341	283
% COMPLETE	53	68	76	77	76	64	76	81	67

Archeological Inventories



	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
REQUIRED	500	481	469	444	593	593	690	415	406
#COMPLETE	224	286	272	292	286	302	328	278	230
% COMPLETE	45	59	58	66	48	51	47	67	57

Defense Installations Strategic Plan

Cultural Resource Deliverables

- **50% of real property inventory records will accurately identify historic properties and their quality (2005).**
- **100% of real property inventory records will accurately identify historic properties and their quality (2006).**
- **100% of archaeological resources, Native American and other cultural assets will be accurately inventoried and quality ratings established in the real property inventories (2007).**
- **Develop standards to ensure that the possible presence of archaeological resources, Native American and other cultural assets are modeled, inventoried, and managed in close integration with project and operations planning (FY 2006).**
- **100% of ICRMPs are completed or reviewed and updated annually as required by law and DoD policy (measure applies each fiscal year).**
- **100% of ICRMPs will be current and implemented, in consultation and partnership with State Historic Preservation Officers and other appropriate consulting parties (FY 2008).**

http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/download/2004-disp.pdf

Vision for the Future

- **DoD cultural resources are assets, connecting our fighting men and women with their proud history and traditions.**
- **We will continue to promote and interpret the resources under our care, both to inspire our personnel and to encourage and maintain the American public's support for its military.**
- **DoD's cultural resources are mission supporting. The Department will continue to use and maintain Historic Properties as appropriate for their mission use.**
- **These Historic Properties broadly represent the full scope of history found on DoD installations.**
- **These historic properties can be and are mission supporting assets. There is great potential for adaptive reuse.**

New DoD Policy

- **Manage and maintain our cultural resources and assets through a comprehensive program that is mission supporting and results in sound and responsible cultural resources stewardship.**
- **Find the necessary balance between our defense mission requirements and preserving our heritage.**
- **Make historic properties a vital and functional part of our installations.**
- **Strongly encourage adaptive re-use as an integral part of our management strategy.**

New DoD Policy

- **Focus on preserving the historic character and function of military properties in a sustainable manner that supports the military mission.**
- **Emphasize the importance of ensuring that installation commanders and their staff have the appropriate information early in the planning process to make informed decisions and consult with all interested stakeholders.**
- **Re-emphasize the importance of our Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans (ICRMPs) and establish a reasonable cycle to update them.**
- **Conduct initial archeological surveys to create a baseline of information. Concentrate more in depth analysis where we are planning ground disturbing activities.**

Real Property Inventory & Historic Properties

- **Federal Real Property Management Executive Order – One of the mandatory Data Elements is Historical Status**
- **There are six options for Historical Status:**
  - National Historic Landmark
  - National Register Listed
  - National Register Eligible
  - Non-contributing Element
  - Not Evaluated
  - Evaluated, Not Historic
- **Deadline to update the Real Property Inventory (RPI) is September 30, 2006**
- **RPI can meet the reporting requirements for the Preserve America Executive Order for the built infrastructure**

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Programmatic Alternatives

- **Develop a full suite of programmatic alternatives to case-by-case consultation, in consultation with stakeholders.**
- **Two Program Comments in place for Capehart Wherry Housing:**
  - Army – 20,000 units
  - Navy – 24,000 units and Air Force – almost 38,000 units
- **Begun to work on four more Program Comments:**
  - Unaccompanied Personnel Housing
  - Ammunition Storage
  - Ammunition Manufacturing Plants (Army only)
  - Vessels (Navy and other Federal agencies)

Goal - Effective, streamlined compliance with the National Historic

Access to Information

- **We are developing a DoD Historic Preservation Portal**
  - First priority is DoD's National Historic Landmarks
- **DoD's ability to play a role in Heritage Tourism initiatives maybe limited due to location, security concerns, and mission needs.**
- **Therefore, we intend to adopt innovative approaches to access information as a means to create tourism opportunities, such as web-enabled access.**

DoD Cultural Resources Program

- DoDs rich heritage is embodied in military history and traditions
- Our Cultural Resources are the Nation's assets.
- We need to manage these assets to support the mission while preserving our Nation's heritage for future generations

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